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AN ACCOUNT
OF THE
EXECUTION,
And last Dying Speeches
OF
Seaven notorious *Traytors* and *Highway-Men*,
Who were EXECUTED at
TYBURN,
For *High-Treason*, *Roberies* on the *High-Way*, *Murthers*, and *Fellonies*, on *Wednesday*, the 25*th*. of this Instant *JULY*, 1683.

As also their Deportment in *Newgate*, after their Condemnation; and what else Remarkable happened.

THE many Examples of Justice upon Offenders, have not of late been of force sufficient to deter or forewarn profligate Wretches from falling into the like Disaster, as is apparent by these Persons, whose Crimes have forfeited their Lives, and brought them to untimely ends, whose Names, Crimes, and Confessions, were as followeth.

John Mugleston, *Roger Mugleston*, and *John Harris*, having an Indictment of High-Treason preferred against them at the Sessions in the *Old Bayly*, on *Thursday* the 10*th*. of this Instant *July*, for Clipping, Filing, and Deminishing the Lawful and Current Coin of *England*, as Queen *Elizabeth* Shillings, King *James* Shillings, King *Charles* the First Half-Crowns, *&c.* which Clipping, Filing, and Deminishing being proved against them by sundry positive Witnesses, some that were Eye-Witnesses of the actual Treason, and others, that they had Silver being the Clippings of Money, offered them to Sail by a Youth sent from the partys aforesaid; and that upon search, Sheers, Files, Rubbing-Stones, and other Instruments usual on such occasions, were found in their Lodgings, together with Melting-Pots, and pieces of melted Silver; upon which they being Convicted, received Sentence as in case of High-Treason the Law has provided, which is, That they should be carried to the place from whence they came, from thence be drawn on Hurdles to the place of Execution, there to be Hanged by the Neck, cut down alive, their Bowels taken out, their privy Members cut off and burnt before their faces, their Heads to be severed from their Bodyes, their Bodyes to be divided into four Quarters, and to be disposed of at the pleasure of the King.

Sentence passed, they were conveyed back to *Newgate*, where they were visited by divers of their Friends and Relations, to whom they expressed the deep sence they conceived in perpetrating a Crime that was so prejudicial to the whole Kingdom, it being not onely Treason against the King, but a Defraud of his Subjects in the highest nature, for which they expressed a more then ordinary sorrow and remorse, grieving that the Devil should have so much power over them, as to draw them from their

their Lawful Imployments (the two former being Butchers by Trade) to practice that which had brought upon them Ruin, Disgrace, and Death, desiring, and being very attentive to the Prayers and wholesome advice of such Ministers as came to give them Ghostly Counsel and Advice, in order to prepare them for another World.

The next in this Tragick Sceen, whose transcendant wickedness brought them to destruction, were *Thomas Wilson* and *Miles Johnson*, two *Irish-men*, who in the Company of divers others, Robbed one Mr. *Hind* of *High-Gate*, upon the Road near unto *Islington*, of a Watch, Rings, Money, a Coat, and other things, valued at 8*ol.* and the same day Committed another Robbery at the same place, upon one Mr. *Abel*, taking from him money, Rings, a Watch, and other valuable things, but the Allarum given, the Towns-men of *Islington* beset the ways, and so it happened, that they met the Prisoners, who looking like persons which seemed very suspicious, they commanded them to Surrender themselves, which they refusing, the Towns-men pursued them, and soon seized on *Wilson*, but *Johnson* Armed with Sword and Pistol, getting over a Bank, stood upon his Defence, when as one *Charles Evans* pressing upon him, he delivered his Pistol at his Breast, and shot him Dead. This Evidence given against them upon their Tryals at the *Old-Bayly*, on *Saturday*, the 14*th.* Instant, they were found guilty upon three several Indictments, two for Robery and Fellony, and one for Murther, and on the *Monday* following, received Sentance of Death; *viz. To return to* Newgate, *and from thence be drawn to the place of Execution, and there to be hang'd by the Neck till they were Dead*; upon which they appeared greatly dejected, especially *Johnson*, who had added Murther to his other Offences. In *Newgate*, they continued sad, in expectation of their Execution, desiring the Prayers of divers that came to visit them: confessing that they had been Evil Livers, and gone on in Prophaneness and Debauchery, which in the end became Habitual, and brought them to Poverty, which reduced them to many Extravagancies; when to supply their Necessities, they had taken the Evil Courses aforesaid, and gone on, for some time past securely, but at length Justice had overtaken them, to which they patiently submitted, hoping for mercy at God's hand. To this, or this Effect, was their Behaviour in *Newgate*, from the time they were Sentenced, to this 25*th.* of *July*, on which they suffered.

William Gratrix, and *John Spittle*, having committed a Robery upon one Mr. *Pitts*, near *Mile-End*, taking from him a Watch, Rings, Mony, a Silver handled Knife and Fork, with divers other things, hardly sparing his Life, by reason he knew them. They were on the 14*th.* Instant Convicted of the Robery and Fellony, upon positive proof, though they protested their Innocence, and for the same, on *Monday* received Sentence of Death, as the former; during the Intervene, they seemed greatly concerned at the near approach of Death, and desired a longer time to prepare for their Dissolution, but it was not granted. So that this day they were conveyed to *Tyburn* by the Sheriffs Officers, all the way shewing signs of Penitence, and Remorse of Conscience; some of them more signaly than others, desiring the people to pray for them, that God would be merciful to their poor Souls. And being come to the place of their last abode in this World, with elevated Hands and Eyes they begged forgiveness at Gods hands, Confessing that they had been great and grevious Sinners, running on in a course of Impiety, and refusing to be reclaimed, till at length they were overtaken by Justice, and brought to be made miserable Spectacles; hoping, that though themselves would take no warning, yet that they might be a warning to others. That they had been Guilty of the Crimes they stood charged with, they denyed not, desiring to forgive those that had been Instrumental in bringing them to their ends. Then the two first who were drawn in a Sledge, made their Prayers publiquely, owning the justness of their Punishments; As likewise did the other, who was drawn by himself in another Sledge; but above all, *Johnson* expressed his sense of sorrow for the Murder committed upon *Evans*, but said he did it in a fright, and not deliberately, or in Malice, but that he hoped by defending himself to escape. Mr. *Ordinary* gave them divers good Instructions, puting them in mind, that they were now upon the brink of Eternity, and but a step on this side; therefore he earnestly desired them heartily to Repent, *&c.* And so after the Prayers and Psalm was ended, the Sentences aforesaid were put in Execution; The first Three was Drawn in Sledges and Hang'd, and the other Four Hanged only.

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